(a) the activity-wise details of the action plan to improve the Public Address System at Bidhannager railway station;

(b) the status of completion of each activity; and

(c) the target date of completion of any pending work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Assurance on the action plan for improvement in announcement system indicated in answer to related Unstarred Quesitons in Rajya Sabha *viz.* 1208 on 5/3/1999 and 1816 on 17/12/99, has alrady been fulfilled and communicated to Rajya Sabha Secretariat.

The following improvements in the announcement system at Bidhannager & Kakurgachi station have been completed:—

(i) Arrangement of remote announcement through Public Address System from Kakurgachi to Bidhannagar Station has been completed with the help of underground cables. The system has been tested several times with satisfactory results.

(ii) One amplifier and feedback horn have been kept at Kakurgachi for announcement of both Up and Dn. trains by the operating staff.

(iii) The existing amplifier at Bidhannagar has been replaced with Booster and mixer amplifier with 24V battery backup.

Pending Railway Projects for Madhya pradesh

2294. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased state:

(a) the details of railway project in Madhya Pradesh mainly relating to new rail lines, gauge conversion, electficiation and doubling pending implementation sicne the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether any time bound programme has been chalked out for their completion; and

(c) the details of such projects sanctioned in the Ninth Five Year Plan for that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Detailed status of all Railway projects in Madhya Pradesh taken up during the Eighth Five Year Plan including target dates of completion, wherever available, are given in the enclosed Statement I (*See* below)

(c) Details of Railways projects in Madhya Pradesh sanctioned in the Ninth Five Year Plan are given in the enclosed Statement II.

Statement I

Railway Projects in Madhya Pradesh taken up during Eighth Five Year Plan

Project	Year of Approval	Cost	Exp. upto 31.03.2000 (Rupees in Crores)	Budget outlay	Status
1	2	3	4	5	6
Dallirajahara-Jagdalpur	1995-96	369	0.13	1.00	This work is included in the railway budget in 1995-96. However, this line is to be taken up on a cost sharing basis with Ministry of Steel & MP Govt., the cost of the first phase work from Dallirajahara to Rowghat being borne entirely by the Ministry of Steel. For the rest of the line SAIL is to provide finances to the tune of Rs. 75. crs. at 7% interest to be adjusted through freight concessions. Madhya Pradesh Government is to provide land free of cost worth Rs. 25 cr. and rest of the money is to be given by the Railway. An MOU has been signed and estimate sanctioned. Final location survey for Jdgdalpur to Rowghat 130 km out of 140 km has been completed and the rest is likely to be completed later this year. SAIL are still pursuing clearances from MOEF for use of iron ore mines, and further progress is exdpected only after they get the same if at all.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Neemuch Ratlam	1993-94	116.74	9.01	5.00	Work on long lead items has been taken up. Substructure works on 31 bridges out of 32 have been completed. Works of substructure on 97 out of 130 minor bridges have been completed. The work will be progressed and completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.
Akaltara-Champa	1994-95	53.6	51.20	1.00	Akaltara-Naila (16km) completed. Naila-Hasdeo (7 km) completed, except the Hasdeo bridge which will be completed by December, 2001.
Bolai-Kalisindh-Kisoni-Bercha	1992-93	49.28	28.29	16.00	Work is in good progress 2 block sections have been completed. The remaining section will be completed by 28.2.2001.
Nishatpura A&D Cabin	1995-96	3.97	3.87	0.10	The work has been completed and commissioned.
Urkura-Raipur-Sarona	1995-96	31.05	26.05	5.00	Work completed and commissioned.

Statement II

Railway Projects in Mahdya Pradesh taken up during Ninth Five Year Plan

Proejct	Year of Approval	Cost	Exp. upto 31.03.2000	Budget outlay	Status
1	2	3	4	5	6
Bishrampur-Ambikapur	1997-98	58.3	5.30	5.00	Necessary clearances have been obtained. The final location survey and land acquisition has been completed. Possession of full private land has been obtained. However, tree cutting is held up due to Supreme Court orders. State Govt. have been requested to take action to obtain the requisite permission from the Court. Tenders for earthwork and bridges have been opened and are under finalisation.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Lalitpur-Satna & Rewa-Singrauli	1997-98	925	0.51	5.00	Necessary clearances have been obtained. Final location survey for 75 km from Lalitpur end and 60 km from Mahoba end and 22 km from Rewa has been completed and Final Location Survey for balance section is in progress. Papers for land acquisition are under preparation.
Ramganjmandi-Bhopa	2000-01	425	0.00	1.00	New work included in the budget 2000-01. Final location survey is being taken up.
Jabalpur-Gondia including Balaghat-—Katangi	1996-97	391.28	5.04	16.80	Final location survey from Gondia to Balaghat including Balaghat—Katangi has been completed including geotechnical investigations of major bridges. The survey between Balaghat-Jabalpur is in progress. Land has been acquired upto Balaghta. Formation work, bridge work and ballast supply are in progress between Gondia and Balaghat.
Bilaspur-Urkura	1997-98	151.52	5.22	14.00	Final location survey for Bilaspur to Bhatapara has been completed. Contracts for bridges and ballast have been awarded and for earthwork are in progress.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Champa-Sarag-bundia	1997-98	56.55	31.76	3.00	Three block sections covering 15 km section from Sarabgundia-Kathari road — Bolpur (15 km) have been commissioned in May 2000. Work on flyover bridge on Bolpur-Champa section is progress and will be completed by February, 2001.
Korba-Gevra Road	1998-99	29.39	0.03	10.00	Work of bridges and formation has commenced.
Korba-Saragbundia	1996-97	32.13	28.93	1.00	Project completed and commissioned from Saragbundia to Urga. Urga-Korba has been completed. Rest is planned in August, 2000.